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Committee, proposes to do away with those living allocations...those living expense allocations. It saves us \$20,000. You may ask why we are going after \$20,000. We are going after \$20,000 in many instances. This is one of those. The bill, as I introduced it, also had...did not require maintaining residency, but the committee, the Revenue Committee, kept those requirements in there. They still will keep residence, official residence, in the district from whence they're appointed, but they will not be entitled to living expenses if they have to move. Now it, generally, generally, only affects probably from the 3rd District because of the distance. But this is a proposal to do away with those and I would urge return to Select File for this motion.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Seeing no lights on, the motion before the body is to return LB 292 to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Would you record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The motion prevails. Senator Wehrbein, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I think I...or, Mr. President, I think I have explained it adequately. If there's questions, I'll be...try to answer them, but it's a very straightforward amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to thank Senator Wehrbein for working on this and I'd also like to thank the committee for maintaining a key part of this, and that is the representation based on districts. I think that's an essential part of this process and I think that's something that was brought up to my attention from a lot of the individuals on my end of the state, and I